

**Iowa Illinois Chapter
National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
13 May 2014**

1. The Iowa Illinois Chapter of NDIA Board of Directors held their bimonthly meeting at Jake O's, Rock Island, IL on 13 May 2014. Mr. George Rivard, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. Board members and Chapter officers present were Mr. Art Heyderman, Mr. Alan Kruse, Mr. Steve Mapley, Mr. Billy Murphy, Ms Chioma Ezeugwu, Ms Kim White, Mr. Rivard, Mr. Mert Sachs, and Mr. Alan Wilson.
2. Prior Meeting Minutes. Mr. Rivard stated that the minutes from the 11 March 2014 board meeting are still being prepared by Mr. Masengarb, who will coordinate them with those that were present, before posting on the Chapter's web site.
3. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Masengarb was not in attendance and had not prepared the treasurer's report. Mr Rivard indicated the report will be prepared to cover the income and expenses of the symposium period, and shared with the board NLT than the next board meeting.
4. Scholarships. Mr. Rivard reported that the 9 scholarship recipients selected have been notified; 7 were presented their awards during the reception at the Small Business symposium 7 May. In the past 5 years, NDIA has awarded \$97,000 in scholarships. Because of the less than expected number of applicants this year, Mr. Mapley suggested that the board may wish to consider allocating an additional STEM specific scholarship through QCESC. Mr. Rivard agreed that should be discussed by the scholarship committee and recommendations made during our FY2015 budget process.
5. Donations. Mr Rivard reported that we had received Thank You's from West High School Robotics Team. This is for paying for 4 students to attend the E-Week Banquet. Also Mr. Mapley had shared an email regarding a Thank You from World Changers, FLL Team 6628. Mr. Rivard indicated that he was contacted by Jamie Lange, WQPT Quad Cities PBS, regarding participation in "Embracing Our Military" Program. He indicated that he agreed to be a Supportive Partner, as well as indicated we'd consider a financial partner role as part of our FY2015 budget process and that we'd likely be in the \$500 donation level if budgeted. Mr. Kruse made a motion that, if funds are available in our current donation budget, we contribute \$500 this FY to the program. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion, and the board approved. Mr Kruse also mentioned that the Army Gala (formerly Army Ball) is scheduled for 13 June. Since this is budgeted donation item, Mr Rivard asked that Mr. Kruse assure that a request/reminder is sent to our treasurer, in case he has not already initiated payment.
5. Membership. Ms. Kim White reported that Rockwell Collins had renewed its corporate membership, basically reinstating 531 to our membership with our current number at 949. She also reported that Ms Molly Flanagan at National had sent a renewal notice to re-capture Cobham Life Support. Ms White also reported that membership may also be down a bit because free government memberships may be expiring. Means to possibly increase awareness and therefore new membership opportunities was discussed; for example, hosting luncheons with

guest speakers, that would include government attendance, might give us greater visibility as well as have slight potential as a money maker. Everyone was encouraged to offer some ideas.

6. Programs. Preliminary reports and feedback indicate that the symposium was again a success; board members reported many positive comments personally received. Mr Rivard indicated that we don't have the final numbers but he believes over 600 attended with perhaps 100 of those being government. There will be an after action meeting 22 May and all were invited. Mr. Rivard indicated that next year the symposium is scheduled for 3-4 June; Mr. Wilson asked if we know when National might be having their small business symposium. Mr Rivard agreed that we must check that out. Mr. Rivard indicated that he received an email from Mr. Masengarb asking for board approval to pay his cell phone overage minutes due to symposium activity. Motion was made by Mr Kruse to reimburse Mr. Masengarb up to \$200 for added personal phone symposium expenses he incurred in both March and April. Mr Mapley seconded the motion, and the board approved.

7. WID Report. Ms. Chioma Ezeugwu reported that they are having:

- WID Board Meeting 20 May; Ms Jamie Lang will be speaker regarding "Embracing our Military" program
- WID Social at Miller Time on 6 June.
- Community night 31 Jul at the River Bandits game.
- 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Dinner 19 Sep at the Lodge; \$40 non-members/\$35 members
- WID golf outing likely in August; Ms Witherspoon is lead.
- Trivia Night – in planning stage.

8. STEM. Mr. Rivard indicated that he did attend the sponsor's breakfast and advance opening tour of the Putnam STEM area. Also, he indicated that JMC and other government activities apparently have requirement to be active in STEM and reporting support to the DOD SMART program (Science, Mathematics, And Research Transformation). Mr Mapley confirmed that he had also been asked for information about QCESC STEM activities. Mr Rivard reported that the efforts to have a DOD STARBASE on Rock Island Arsenal have been in vain. DOD funding was decremented so much that several existing STARBASEs were shutdown. Future remains bleak even for surviving activities.

9. VA Hospital Visit. Mr. Heyderman said the visit in March to the VA Hospital in Iowa City went well. The date for the next visit has not been set yet. Mr. Heyderman did indicate that he may be stepping down as lead for this effort; his replacement likely will want to attend some of our board meetings to keep this effort alive.

10. Website. Mr. Rivard indicated that we will be posting briefings/attendance list for symposium as well as scholarship winners. He will also try to prepare June Newsletter covering these activities as well, for both posting to the website and emailing to members.
11. New/Other Business.
 - a. The Iowa Illinois Chapter will be 70 years old in 2015. Mr. Rivard asked board members to be thinking about events to commemorate our 70th year.
 - b. Mr Rivard reported that he participated in a WEBINAR 31 March about the NDIA Industrial Base Analysis, and that he shared the link to the briefing with ECBC and JMC.
12. Next Board meeting is July 8th, 2014 at 5:00 pm at Jake O's. The date/time was reserved with the restaurant. Meeting adjourned at 6.15 pm.

George B Rivard f/

John Masengarb
Secretary / Treasurer